

*In regards to RM-10352*

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to voice my opinion of the rule making proposal RM-10352. I feel that there is no need for this proposal and ask that you put it aside.

There are two things that bother me about this proposal.

As an Amateur Radio Operator I have occasionally tuned across the 160 meter band, especially during the winter months. I find many segments free of signals. It seems to me that the only time I hear much activity is during the 160 meter contest. In the middle of the summer I often hear only eight or nine signals across the entire band. Because of these propagation conditions and the fact that one needs a lot of real estate for an effective 160 meter antenna I don't believe the activity on this band will increase to the point of legislating it. As it stands now I don't hear very much of a problem between the wide signal group and the narrow signal types, at least not enough to warrant a rule making.

As an Official Observer I am also concerned that more rules will make more work for a limited core of volunteers. Once a law is passed it is seldom revoked and the FCC must be cognizant of the added work load they will encounter do to unnecessary rule making.

The majority of HAMS have always been respectful of each other's operations and, I am sure, will continue to be.

Respectfully submitted

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